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Sir:

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Document AE was also cited in the specification, on pages 2 and 3, and its relevance is indicated therein.

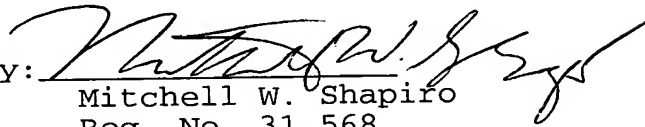
Applicants' Japanese representative has provided the attached comments regarding the relevance of Document AK.

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Document AK is considered to be relevant to the invention of the present application, judging from English abstract and all the figures.

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